

## Title of Pre-Reg: Evaluations of voting mechanisms

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We investigate how people evaluate majority voting procedures that are subject to what we term “malpractice”: a fee that voters need to pay in order to make their vote count, a monetary incentive to submit a vote that is opposite to the original voting intention, the exclusion of voters whose annual household income is below a certain threshold.

We conduct a survey with participants from an online recruiting platform. Different groups of participants evaluate a voting procedure according to whether most people would agree that the procedure is (1) democratic, (2) representative, (3) inclusive, (4) appropriate, (5) fair, (6) legitimate, (7) acceptable, (8) corrupt, (9) flawed, (10) manipulated.

We hypothesize that compared to a standard majority vote, voting procedures that are subject to malpractice, regardless of its specific form, receive significantly lower ratings on items (1)-(7), and significantly higher ratings on items (8)-(10).

### Experimental Design

We conduct a survey with participants from an online recruiting platform (Prolific Academic). Participants see the description of a choice situation from a previous study (Apffelstaedt (r) Freundt, 2020<sup>1</sup>) that was conducted on the same platform. This situation entailed the election of a “code of conduct”, which sets a (non-binding) behavioral rule demanding subjects to either share or not share their experimental income with others.

After reading through the details on how the code of conduct was elected (henceforth: voting procedure), survey participants are asked to rate the voting procedure on 10 dimensions: (1) democratic, (2) representative, (3) inclusive, (4) appropriate, (5) fair, (6) legitimate, (7) acceptable, (8) corrupt, (9) flawed, (10) manipulated (for details see section ‘Planned Analysis’ and the instructions attached to this document). Subjects are incentivized to match the modal answer in their treatment group: For one randomly selected rating dimension, the subject receives a bonus payment of £1.00 if her answer is identical with the answer most commonly given by the other participants in her treatment group.

*Treatments.* Treatments (between-subject) differ in the voting procedure which survey respondents have to evaluate. The survey has four main treatments: one control treatment (*Baseline* with a standard majority vote) and three “malpractice” treatments. The three malpractice treatments feature a majority vote that is subject to (1) a fee that voters need to pay in order to make their vote count (treatment *Pay4Vote*), (2) a monetary incentive to submit a vote that is opposite to the original voting intention (*MoneyOffer*), (3) the exclusion of votes from subjects whose annual household income is below a certain threshold (*ExcludePoor*). Each intervention is introduced to participants when we explain the voting procedure with the following announcement, respectively:

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<sup>1</sup> Apffelstaedt, Arno (r) Jana Freundt. 2020. Corrupted Votes and Rule Compliance. Under Review.

- *Pay4Vote: "However, before the final votes were counted, each participant was asked to pay £0.20 to make his/her vote count. Only the votes of participants who agreed to pay were counted in the election. The votes of those participants who did not pay were not counted."*
- *MoneyOffer: "However, before the final votes were counted, each participant was offered an extra payment of £0.20 if he/she submits a vote that is opposite to what he/she originally wanted to vote for."*
- *ExcludePoor: "However, only the votes of participants with an annual household income above £ 40,000 were counted in the election. The votes of those participants who earn less than £ 40,000 a year were not counted. "*

For full instructions, see attached document. We compare the ratings of the voting procedure in *Baseline* with the ratings of the voting procedure in each of the malpractice treatments.

Additional to the four main treatments, we conduct an exploratory treatment *CostlyVoting*. In this treatment, survey respondents evaluate a majority vote that is subject to a fee that voters need to pay in order to be able to submit a vote. This intervention in the voting procedure is announced to participants as:

- *CostlyVoting: "However, in order to be able to vote, each participant had to pay £0.20. If a participant decided not to pay, he/she was not able to submit a vote."*

This treatment is exploratory and we refrain from stating any hypotheses about how the ratings of this voting procedure will differ from the ratings in the other treatments.

*Procedures.* Participants see the description of the voting procedure and are then asked to rate the voting procedure on dimensions (1)-(10). Participants go through the 10 ratings item by item (screen by screen). They rate the procedure on the positive dimensions (1-7) first and then on the negative dimensions (8-10). Items are randomized within each block. At the end of the survey, participants answer a short questionnaire (7 questions) on their political and general views. For the exact procedure, please find the full instructions of the *Baseline* treatment in the Appendix.

The survey is implemented with a fixed base payment of £1.00 on Prolific. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. Participants can earn an additional payment of £1.00 for one randomly selected rating in which their evaluation matches the modal evaluation among the other participants in their treatment group.

*Selection Criteria.* To be eligible to participate, we require that participants have filled in information on their Nationality, Gender, and Country of Birth. We exclude all participants who have participated in any version of our related previous study (Apffelstaedt (r) Freundt, 2020) and do not allow subjects to participate in multiple treatments. In case of double participation, both entries will be deleted from the data. For comparability, we aim to match the regions in our previous study (Apffelstaedt (r) Freundt, 2020). For that reason, we pre-set 20% of places to be filled with participants from continental Western Europe, 30% from the UK, 20% of places to be filled by US American and Canadian subjects, and 30% with participants of Non-Western nationality.

## Planned Analyses

*Outcomes.* Outcomes are the ratings of the voting mechanism in each treatment. All 10 ratings are on a 6-point Likert scale, from “(Most people would) strongly disagree” to “(Most people would) strongly agree”. We convert the answers on the Likert scale to a numeric format according to the following convention:

- Strongly disagree = -1
- Disagree = -2/3
- Somewhat disagree = -1/3
- Somewhat agree = +1/3
- Agree = +2/3
- Strongly agree = +1

*Composite Indices.* We will build the following composite indices by averaging across items:

- Rating\_Index (all items 1-10). For this index, ratings on negative dimensions (items 8, 9, and 10) will be reversed.
- Democracy\_Index (items 1-3)
- Positive\_Index (items 1-7)
- Negative\_Index (items 8, 9, 10)

*Main hypothesis.* The voting procedure in each of the malpractice treatments (*Pay4Vote*, *MoneyOffer*, and *ExcludePoor*) is rated significantly less positively than a standard majority vote (*Baseline*).

*Hypotheses Tests.* To test our main hypothesis, we will run non-parametric Mann-Whitney U tests on the composite indices. Specifically, these tests compare the rank in the Rating\_Index of each malpractice treatment with the rank of the *Baseline* treatment. We will accept the hypothesis if the Mann-Whitney U test confirms a significant ( $p < .05$ ) decrease for *each* malpractice treatment relative to the *Baseline*. We will complement these non-parametric tests with regressions to control for sample differences in demographic variables.

*Additional Analyses.* Additionally, the main hypothesis will be tested on the three additional indices Democracy\_Index, Positive\_Index, and Negative\_Index for which we expect to also observe a significant decrease for each malpractice treatment relative to *Baseline* (respectively, a significant increase in the Negative\_Index).

Differences between the three malpractice treatments and the analyses of a possibly different impact of malpractice on each of the individual ranking dimensions (1)-(10) are exploratory. Treatment *CostlyVoting* will be compared to the *Baseline* and *Pay4Vote* treatments (without forming ex-ante hypotheses).

## Planned Number of Observations

Each participant generates one observation for each ranking dimension. We plan to have 100 participants per treatment, that is,  $5 \times 100 = 500$  observations in total.

# V\_Evaluation\_3 (TBL)

There are 68 questions in this survey.

## Welcome

# Welcome!

This study is hosted by:



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Thank you for participating in our study! Your participation is very important to our research. The study takes about **10 minutes to complete** and we ask you to please finish the study in one sitting.

Please read the following consent form before continuing:

- I consent to participate in this research study. I am free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason (knowing that any payments only become effective if I complete the study).
- I understand that all data will be kept confidential by the researchers. All choices are made in private and anonymously. Individual names and other personally identifiable information are not available to the researchers and will not be asked at any time. No personally identifiable information will be stored with or linked to data from the study. All data is stored anonymously with a random ID number and therefore an individual participant's data cannot be identified and deleted after the study has been completed.
- The data will be used for research purposes only. The anonymous data might later be stored in open access repositories. I consent to the publication of study results as long as the information is anonymous so that no identification of participants is possible.
- The study will approximately take 10 minutes and I will receive £1.00 for my participation. There are no other foreseeable risks, discomforts, inconveniences and harms associated with participation.

If you have any questions about this research, please contact us at [frilab@unifr.ch](mailto:frilab@unifr.ch).

**Please note:** This survey (V\_Evaluation\_3) is part of a group of surveys which are currently active on Prolific. You are allowed to participate in **ONLY ONE** survey of this group! **If you have already participated today in another survey of this group (another survey starting with V\_Evaluation), please exit the survey now!** We will identify double entries and multiple participation via your Prolific ID. In case of multiple participation, you will not be approved and you will not receive payment for any of the surveys.

To proceed, please give your consent by ticking the box below: \*

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ I have read and understand the explanations, I have of yet not participated in any survey of this group (V\_Evaluations), I am at least 18 years old, and I voluntarily consent to participate in this study.

## Prolific Participant Number

To proceed, please enter your unique **Prolific participant ID** in the field below. \*

Please write your answer here:

Note: If you enter a wrong ID, you will not receive any payment!

## General Instructions

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This study has 100 participants. You are one of them.

Your payment:

- Each participant receives a fixed base payment of £1.00 for completing the survey.
- Additionally, you can receive a bonus payment of £1.00 on top of your base payment. Whether you receive this bonus payment depends on how you and the other participants of this study answer the survey questions.

The content of this survey:

- In an earlier study, another group of Prolific participants was asked to make a series of choices.
- **We will ask you a couple of questions about the decision situation this other group faced.**
- **When answering these questions, you will have the chance to earn an additional £1.00 on top of your base payment.**

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On the next screen, we will describe the decision situation that you will have to evaluate. Please make sure to remember it well!

To proceed, please tick below. \*

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ I have read the information and want to proceed.

## The Decision Situation

## The decision situation that you will have to evaluate

In a recent study, we recruited 100 Prolific participants to make a series of choices. These participants were recruited on Prolific knowing that they will participate in a lottery that pays £100 in cash to one of the 100 participants (the lottery cash prize was paid out in addition to a fixed base payment that each participant received).

Upon entering the survey, participants were instructed that the **lottery tickets for the £100 cash prize will be distributed unequally**: While 50 out of the 100 participants will each receive 10 lottery tickets, the other half of the participants will receive no lottery tickets.

All 100 participants were then asked whether – in the case of receiving lottery tickets – they would like to give away 3 of their 10 lottery tickets to one of those participants who did not receive any tickets. Each participant could choose between two possible actions:

- **GIVE**: “If I receive lottery tickets, I want to give away 3 lottery tickets to a nonreceiver.”
- **DON'T GIVE**: “If I receive lottery tickets, I do not want to give away 3 lottery tickets a nonreceiver.”

### A code of conduct

Before anyone made the decision of whether to GIVE or DON'T GIVE, a code of conduct was set. The code of conduct either told participants that everyone should choose to give (⇒RULE: GIVE) or that everyone should choose to not give (⇒RULE: DON'T GIVE). Only one of the two rules was implemented.

#### The code of conduct was determined in the following way:

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

After the code of conduct was set, each participant decided individually whether to GIVE or DON'T GIVE under the selected code of conduct. This means that each individual could decide privately and anonymously whether he/she wanted to follow the elected rule or not. The winner of the lottery was subsequently determined by randomly picking one of the distributed lottery tickets as the winning ticket. The holder of the winning ticket was paid £100 in cash as a bonus payment.

On the following screens you will be asked to evaluate the process by which the code of conduct was established. Make sure to memorize it well!



To proceed, please tick below. \*

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ I have read the information and want to proceed.

**To show that you have read and understood the instructions, please answer the following control questions about the decision situation you will have to evaluate:**

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was at question '7 [situationproceed]' (To proceed, please tick below. )

**1. How many of the 100 participants were asked to decide whether they want to GIVE or DON'T GIVE? \***

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was at question '7 [situationproceed]' (To proceed, please tick below. )

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ☐ All participants.
- ☐ 50 out of 100 participants (only those who received lottery tickets).
- ☐ 50 out of 100 participants (only those who did not receive lottery tickets).

## 2. Before any of the participants decided whether to GIVE or DON'T GIVE, a code of conduct was set. \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was at question '7 [situationproceed]' (To proceed, please tick below. )

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ☐ True.
- ☐ False.

## 3. How was the code of conduct selected? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was at question '7 [situationproceed]' (To proceed, please tick below. )

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ☐ The code of conduct was selected by majority vote among the 100 participants.
- ☐ The code of conduct was selected using a coin-flip by the computer.
- ☐ The code of conduct was selected by the researcher.

# Instructions: Evaluate Choices in a Similar Situation

## Your Task

Your answers to the control questions were correct.

**On the following screens, we will ask you several questions that relate to the process by which the code of conduct was established** (see box below).

### A code of conduct

Before anyone made the decision of whether to GIVE or DON'T GIVE, a code of conduct was set. The code of conduct either told participants that everyone should choose to give ( $\Rightarrow$ RULE: GIVE) or that everyone should choose to not give ( $\Rightarrow$ RULE: DON'T GIVE). Only one of the two rules was implemented.

#### The code of conduct was determined in the following way:

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**All of the questions will have the same format:** You will see a statement regarding the process by which the code of conduct was determined, after which you will have to indicate whether you think that most people would agree or disagree with this statement. Here is an example:

**Example Question.** Please indicate what you think how most people would evaluate the following statement: "The process by which the code of conduct was selected is a good process to determine a rule."

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Most people would	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

**Note:** All of the 99 other participants of today's study (the study you are in) will evaluate exactly the same statements as you do. We will compare your evaluation with the evaluation of the other participants. **If your evaluation is the same as the evaluation most frequently given by the other 99 participants, then you will receive a bonus payment of £1.00.\***

\*In total, you will evaluate 10 statements. For the bonus payment of £1.00 we will select one of the ten evaluations at random. If your evaluation in this selected situation matches the evaluation most frequently given by the other 99 participants, then you will receive the bonus payment. Each of your evaluations has the same chance to be selected for the bonus payment. You maximize your chances to earn the bonus payment of £1.00 by trying to always match the most common evaluation among the other 99 participants.

In total, you will see 10 statements. Please tick below in order to continue to the questions.

Please tick this box when you are done reading the information and want to proceed. \*

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ I have read the information and want to proceed.

**To show that you have read and understood the instructions, please answer the following control questions:**

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was at question '15 [normproceed]' (Please tick this box when you are done reading the information and want to proceed.)

1. You can receive a bonus payment of £1.00 if your evaluation of a statement is the same as the evaluation given by most of the other 99 participants of today's study.  
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Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was at question '15 [normproceed]' (Please tick this box when you are done reading the information and want to proceed.)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

☐ True.

☐ False.

2. Which of the following statements is true? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was at question '15 [normproceed]' (Please tick this box when you are done reading the information and want to proceed.)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

☐ You have to evaluate each statement as to whether most people agree or disagree with that statement.

☐ You have to evaluate each statement as to whether you personally agree or disagree with that statement.

## The Statements

Your answers to the control questions were correct.

**On the next screen, you will begin with evaluating the first statement.** Click "Next" to proceed.

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## Statement 1

Please click "Next" to proceed to the statement.

## Statement D

Below you will find a statement. Please evaluate the statement with regard to the following process:

### The code of conduct was determined in the following way:

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**Please evaluate the following statement: "The process by which the code of conduct was selected is **democratic**. It is consistent with democratic principles and values." \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<b><u>Most people</u> would</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

Please confirm your answer: \*

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ This is my final answer. Please proceed.

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## Statement 2

Please click "Next" to proceed to the statement.

## Statement R

Below you will find a statement. Please evaluate the statement with regard to the following process:

### **The code of conduct was determined in the following way:**

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**Please evaluate the following statement: "The process by which the code of conduct was selected is **representative**. It represents the true preferences of all participants in the group." \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<b><u>Most people</u> would</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

**Please confirm your answer: \***

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ This is my final answer. Please proceed.

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## Statement 3

Please click "Next" to proceed to the statement.

Statement 1



Below you will find a statement. Please evaluate the statement with regard to the following process:

**The code of conduct was determined in the following way:**

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**Please evaluate the following statement:** "The process by which the code of conduct was selected is **inclusive**. It ensures equal participation in the vote for every participant in the group." \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>
<b><u>Most people</u> would</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

**Please confirm your answer: \***

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ This is my final answer. Please proceed.

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## Statement 4

Please click "Next" to proceed to the statement.

## Statement A

Below you will find a statement. Please evaluate the statement with regard to the following process:

### The code of conduct was determined in the following way:

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**Please evaluate the following statement: "The process by which the code of conduct was selected is **appropriate**. It is the right way to select a rule." \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<b><u>Most people</u> would</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

Please confirm your answer: \*

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ This is my final answer. Please proceed.

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## Statement 5

Please click "Next" to proceed to the statement.

## Statement E

Below you will find a statement. Please evaluate the statement with regard to the following process:

### **The code of conduct was determined in the following way:**

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**Please evaluate the following statement: "The process by which the code of conduct was selected is **what most people would call a fair election.**" \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>
<b><u>Most people</u> would</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

**Please confirm your answer: \***

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ This is my final answer. Please proceed.

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## Statement 6

Please click "Next" to proceed to the statement.

Statement L

Below you will find a statement. Please evaluate the statement with regard to the following process:

**The code of conduct was determined in the following way:**

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**Please evaluate the following statement: "A rule that is selected by this process is **legitimate and ought to be followed** by everyone in the group." \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<b><u>Most people</u> would</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

**Please confirm your answer: \***

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ This is my final answer. Please proceed.

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## Statement 7

Please click "Next" to proceed to the statement.

## Statement Q

Below you will find a statement. Please evaluate the statement with regard to the following process:

### **The code of conduct was determined in the following way:**

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**Please evaluate the following statement: "A rule that is selected by this process should be accepted by everyone and should not be questioned by anyone in the group." \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>
<b><u>Most people</u> would</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

Please confirm your answer: \*

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ This is my final answer. Please proceed.

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## Statement 8

Please click "Next" to proceed to the statement.

## Statement C

Below you will find a statement. Please evaluate the statement with regard to the following process:

### **The code of conduct was determined in the following way:**

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**Please evaluate the following statement: "The process by which the code of conduct was selected is **corrupt**." \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>
<b><u>Most people</u> would</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

**Please confirm your answer: \***

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ This is my final answer. Please proceed.

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## Statement 9

Please click "Next" to proceed to the statement.

Statement F



Below you will find a statement. Please evaluate the statement with regard to the following process:

**The code of conduct was determined in the following way:**

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**Please evaluate the following statement: "The process by which the code of conduct was selected is **flawed**." \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<u>Most people</u> would	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

**Please confirm your answer: \***

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ This is my final answer. Please proceed.

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## Statement 10

Please click "Next" to proceed to the statement.

## Statement M

Below you will find a statement. Please evaluate the statement with regard to the following process:

### **The code of conduct was determined in the following way:**

- All 100 participants of the study were asked to vote for the rule (RULE: GIVE or RULE: DON'T GIVE) they preferred to have implemented as the code of conduct.
- The rule for which more votes were counted was implemented as the code of conduct.

**Please evaluate the following statement: "The process by which the code of conduct was selected is manipulated." \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	<b>Somewhat agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>
<b><u>Most people</u> would</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can earn £1.00 if your answer is identical with the most common answer given by the other 99 participants of this study!

Please confirm your answer: \*

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ This is my final answer. Please proceed.

## Final Questions

### Final Questions

You have evaluated all 10 statements. Your evaluations have been saved. You will receive a message via Prolific within one week after the end of today's study informing you about your bonus payment.

This is the final page of today's study.

**To finish the study, please answer the following 7 final questions regarding your personal values and opinions.**

**1. On a scale from 0 to 10, how important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically? (0 = not at all important, 10 = extremely important) \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**2. On a scale from 0 to 10, how democratic do you think your country is overall? (0 = not at all democratic, 10 = completely democratic) \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**3. On a scale from 0 to 10, how important is it for you to personally express your voice when it comes to political decision making? (0 = not at all important, 10 = extremely important) \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**4. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means “no trust at all” and 10 means “very much trust”, how much do you personally trust... \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...politicians?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...large corporations?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...the results of elections?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**5. On a scale from 0 to 10, to what extent do you think the following actions can be justified? (0 = can never be justified, 10 = can always be justified) \***

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Violating the instructions of one's superiors (for example at work or school).</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Accepting a bribe in the course of one's duties.</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Cheating on taxes if one has the chance.</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Influencing the actions of people by giving them money.</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Lobbying politicians to influence legislation.</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**6. Consider the following two opposing statements on inequality:**

**Statement 1**

vs.

**Statement 2**

“For a society to be fair, the incomes of all people should be equal.”

“There is nothing unfair in having more money than somebody else, no matter how large the difference.”

**How would you place your personal**

**standpoint between the two statements?**

0 = you agree completely with Statement 1, 10 = you agree completely with Statement 2 \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**7. When elections take place, do you vote always, usually, or never? \***

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Usually
- ☐ Almost always
- ☐ Always

That's it! Thank you very much for your participation!

Below, you have the opportunity to leave a personal comment to the researchers. We greatly appreciate your feedback!

Please write your answer here:

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Submit your survey.

Thank you for completing this survey.